

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The Examiner has carefully considered applicant's amendments and accompanying remarks dated 11/1/2010. Applicant's amendments to the claims have been entered and are made of record. Currently, the viable claims are 1, 2, 6-9, 11-12, and 18-20. Applicant has cancelled claims 3, 4, 5, 10, 13-17, 21-43, which rectifies the issues of the previous office action. Thus, claims 1, 2, 6-9, 11-12, and 18-20 are now allowed.
2. Applicant's submission of the new Oath is also made of record and remedies the scope of the previous office action. All previously made rejections are now withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1, 2, 6-9, 11-12, and 18-20, are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: please see Board Decision dated 06/26/2008, where the Examiner was reversed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Arti Singh-Pandey whose telephone number is 571-272-1483. The examiner can normally be reached on M-R 8-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Donald Tarazano can be reached on 571-272-1515. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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